**PATENT** 

DOCKET NO.: 32428.00.0010

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the

application of:

Stephen Donald Allen et al.

Serial No.:

10/706,168

Examiner:

Filed:

11/12/2003

Group Art Unit: 1723

Title:

**Extraction Methodology for** 

Suspended and Dissolved Material from Fruit and Vegetable Wastewater

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** 

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 I hereby certify that this Information Disclosure Statement, with Form PTO/SB/08A & 08B, along with copies of 10 cited patents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service by First Class Mail, postage pre-paid in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Michael J. Durgen, #39,404

( ebrusny 18, 2004

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants enclose Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B, Information Disclosure Statement by Applicants, as well as a copy of each of the cited documents. This statement is provided in order to comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97 and §1.98, and this statement is not to be construed as a representation that no information exists which is more material than these documents.

Because Applicants have complied with all of the requirements of the above-noted Code of Federal Regulations Sections, Applicants herewith request that the listed prior art be cited in the patent to issue upon the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 18, 2004

Michael J. Turgeon Reg. No. 39,404

Vedder, Price, Kaufman & Kammholz 222 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, Illinois 60601-1003 312/609-7716

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to re-

| <b>INFORMATION</b> | <b>DISCLOSURE</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| STATEMENT R        | Y APPLICANT       |

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

ENT & TRAD

Sheet

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

| Complete if Known      |                  |  |
|------------------------|------------------|--|
| Application Number     | 10/706,168       |  |
| Filing Date            |                  |  |
| First Named Inventor   | Stephen D. Allen |  |
| Art Unit               | 1723             |  |
| Examiner Name          |                  |  |
| Attorney Docket Number | 32428 00 0010    |  |

|                    |                          |  | U. S. PATENT                   | DOCUMENTS  |   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Examiner Initials* | Cite<br>No. <sup>1</sup> | Document Number  Number-Kind Code <sup>2 (f known)</sup> | Publication Date<br>MM-DD-YYYY | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines, Where<br>Relevant Passages or Relevant<br>Figures Appear |
|                    |                          | US- 2002/0179538A1                                       | 12-05-2002                     | Johnson et al.                                     |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 4,144,355                                 | 03-13-1979                     | Rawlings et al.                                    |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 4,800,039                                 | 01-24-1989                     | Hassick et al.                                     |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 4,966,713                                 | 10-30-1990                     | Keys et al.  |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 5,451,326                                 | 09-19-1995                     | Carlson et al.                                     |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 6,120,690                                 | 09-19-2000                     | Haase  | · ·   |
| •                  |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 6,132,625                                 | 10-17-2000                     | Moffett  |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 6,235,339 B1                              | 05-22-2001                     | Harmon et al.                                      |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 6,444,128 B1                              | 09-03-2002                     | Tarbet et al.                                      |   |
|                    |                          | <sup>US-</sup> 6,444,730 B1                              | 09-03-2002                     | Brueggemann et al.                                 |   |
|                    |                          | US-  |                                |  |   |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |              |   |                     |  |   |    |
|--------------------------|--------------|---|---------------------|--|---|----|
| Examiner<br>Initials*    | Cite<br>No.1 | Foreign Patent Document   | Publication<br>Date | Name of Patentee or<br>Applicant of Cited Document | Pages, Columns, Lines,<br>Where Relevant Passages |    |
|                          |              | Country Code <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup> Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known) | MM-DD-YYYY          |  | Or Relevant Figures Appear                        | T° |
|                          |              | •   |                     |  |   |    |
| _                        |              |   |                     |  |   |    |
|                          |              |   |                     |  |   |    |
| _                        |              |   |                     |  |   |    |
|                          |              |   |                     |  |   | L  |
|                          |              |   |                     |  |   |    |

| Examiner  | · · | Date       | <del>-</del> |
|-----------|-----|------------|--------------|
| Signature |     | Considered |              |
| · ·       |     |            |              |

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at <a href="https://www.uspto.gov">www.uspto.gov</a> or MPEP 901.04. The Coffice that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.